KETTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1970

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit herewith my Annual Report for the year 1970. The report is presented in the form required by the Department of Health and Social Security.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	17,735
Population estimated mid - 1970	3,980
Number of inhabited houses	1,313
Rateable Value	£186,394
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£750

VITAL STATISTICS

		Male	Female	Total
Live births	- legitimate	20	23	43
	- illegitimate	1	2	3
Still births	- legitimate	-	-	-
	- illegitimate	-	-	-

	District		England & Wales
	Crude	Corrected	1970
Live birth Rate	11.6	11.6	16.0
Death Rate	11.6	12.9	11.7
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	Nil		18.0

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Malignant neoplasm - intestine	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	6	-
Malignant neoplasm - breast	-	1
Other Malignant neoplasms	-	2
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-
Other Endocrine etc. diseases	-	1
Anaemias	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	-	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	1	4
Other forms of Heart Disease	2	3
Cerebrovascular Disease	-	2
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	1
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	2	6
Bronchitis & Emphysema	1	-
Nephritis & Nephrosis	1	-
Diseases of skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	-
Suicide	1	-
All other External Causes	-	1
	20	26

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases (Other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1970

Disease	Under 1	1/2	2/3	3/4	4/5	5/9	10/14	15/24	25/34	35/44	45/64	65& over	not known	Total
Measles	-	9	17	4	19	31	6	1	-	-	-	-	2	89
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Tuberculosis

One case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified during 1970.

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TABULAR STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS

Housing	117
Meat and Foods	28
Factories	28
Offices and Shops	22
Refuse Collection & Disposal	201
Sewage Disposal	546
Building	372
Rodent Control	138
Miscellaneous	360
Total	1812

NOTICES SERVED

	Issued	Complied With
Informal	21	21
Statutory	8	8

MEAT AND FOODS

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the District, the requirements of the two local butchers are met chiefly from wholesale meat suppliers.

A quantity of"frozen food" was condemned during the year from a shop at Great Casterton due to a breakdown in the frozen food cabinet at the premises.

Preserved Food, etc., Food and Drugs Act

There are no changes in the Register to report.

Milk and Dairies

There are no changes in the Register to report.

FACTORIES

One additional premises was added to the register.

Improved toilet facilities were provided at one premises during the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

There was no incidence of food poisoning.

It is gratifying to report that no premises required disinfestation this year.

NEW BUILDINGS

114 plans were deposited of which 86 were approved, 1 disapproved, 1 deferred and 26 exempt from Building Regulations.

The approved plans included those for 51 private dwellings comprising 45 at Ketton, 5 at Ryhall and 1 at Great Casterton.

15 Private dwellings were completed during the year comprising 12 at Ketton and 3 at Ryhall.

The Manor View Flatlets in Ketton were also completed during the year.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This service has continued to operate very smoothly during the year and this is reflected in the very few complaints received.

For this happy state of affairs, praise is due to the collectors, who have now worked together as a team for the past ten years. The hiring of standard dustbins continued to be a popular service and in itself contributes to the efficiency of the collection.

Bulky items of household refuse are removed by prior arrangement with me.

The Council's refuse tip on the Pickworth Road, Great Casterton was filled at the end of March and it became necessary to commence taking two loads of refuse per week to Oakham Urban District Council's tip at Pilton as from April.

The Council still have one remaining tip on the Ryhall Road, Great Casterton but this is rapidly becoming filled and there now seems no hope of being able to obtain any other site in the Council's District.

I must reiterate my previous views that it is essential that neighbouring Councils get together in joint schemes of refuse disposal in order to share the increased costs of such schemes and to derive the full benefit from them.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Over 90% of the District now has main drainage facilities.

The Essendine and Ryhall Sewage Disposal Scheme was virtually completed by the end of the year and sewage was in fact being pumped from Essendine to the Ryhall Sewage Works.

Because of these extensions and the building of a pumping station at Essendine, it was necessary to employ an additional attendant as from June.

To quote from the Report of the Working Party on Sewage Disposal "In spite of growing contemporary interest in all forms of pollution, the disposal of sewage is taken for granted as long as it is effective and unnoticable. Protests are made about failures, but no praise arrives for success - as many under-valued workers at all levels know too well".

The Council now employ four men on Sewage Disposal throughout the District and I am indeed very grateful to them for the conscientious manner in which they all carry out their work, which is not always very pleasant.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL CONTINUED .....

A scheme for the sewering of the Parish of Clipsham was prepared during the year and it is to be hoped that work on this will be in progress within the next twelve months.

In my opinion it will be necessary to carry out modifications at the Ketton Sewage Disposal Works in the near future to cope with the increased development in the Parish. Meanwhile the Council's Consulting Engineers have been asked to submit a full report on the operation and capacity of the Ketton Works.

A further 8 premises were connected to the sewer at Ketton and 23 at Essendine.

Throughout the District a total of 16 pail closets were abolished and replaced by water closets.

There are now only approximately 20 pails remaining which have to be emptied from dwellinghouses in the District.

RAG FLOCK ACT

There are no registrations in force in the District.

PET ANIMALS ACT

There are no licensed premises in the District.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

There are no registered establishments in the District.

WATER SUPPLIES

Water for the Parishes of Clipsham, Essendine, Great and Little Casterton, Ryhall and Tinwell is supplied by the South Lincolnshire Water Board whilst the Nene and Ouse Water Board supply Tixover and Ketton. There is a private supply for the Parish of Pickworth.

I have received from the Water Boards the results of 39 water samples taken during the year for bacteriological examination; of these 35 were satisfactory and 4 unsatisfactory.

9 samples were taken from a private supply during the year and all were reported as unsatisfactory. The owner of this supply is not using the water for drinking purposes.

RODENT CONTROL

Pest control work in the District is carried out by means of a contract with a Pest Control Company.

Private dwellings receive a free treatment for rodent infestation while any work at business premises is carried out on a re-chargeable basis.

The Council's refuse tips, sewage works and depot all received regular surveys to deal with any rodent infestation.

Arrangements can be made for dealing with other pests such as wasps, cockroaches, moles etc., but this is only carried out on a re-chargeable basis.

52 premises were treated for rats and 17 for mice and of this number 52 were dwelling houses.

RODENT CONTROL CONTINUED .....

The Council participated with the other Rutland Authorities, the Ministry of Agriculture and representatives of the National Farmers Union in organizing and directing a rodent control campaign throughout the County and from reports subsequently received it was an unqualified success.

I am convinced that this is the best way to achieve success in the rodent control field.

HOUSING INSPECTION

The 16 Manor View Flats, High Street, Ketton were completed during the year.

Six houses were dealt with in the slum clearance programme.

The Housing Act 1969 introduced more generous assistance for people who want to improve and modernize sound older homes. This has resulted in an increase in the number of applications for grant aid.

During the year 7 houses were brought up to Discretionary Grant standard and 3 to the Standard Grant requirements.

18 applications for grants resulted in the award of 8 Discretionary Grants and 10 Standard Grants.

The total cash value of grants approved during the year amounted to £8,147.

Work was virtually completed on the comprehensive improvement to the 6 Council Houses at Essendine by the end of the year,

All Council houses in the District now have bathrooms with hot and cold water supplies and water borne sanitation.

No. of Visits	117
No. of Houses Inspected	52
No. of Houses found Unfit for Habitation	6
No. of Houses not in all respects fit	25

Remedy of Defects.

No. of houses made fit as a result of informal action.	21
No. of Houses closed as a result of Closing Orders.	2
No. of unfit houses closed by accepting undertakings from owners.	3
No. of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	3
No. of cases of overcrowding discovered.	-
No. of houses made fit by accepting a programme of works.	1
No. of houses where part of a house closed by Closing Order.	-

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

No additional sites have been licensed during the year.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Statistical information is given on a separate sheet.

A. R. BURT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

TABLE A

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises (1)	Number of premises newly registered during the year (2)	Total number of registered premises at end of year (3)	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year (4)
Offices	-	3	3
Retail shops	2	6	6
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	2	2
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	11	11

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises	22

TABLE C

ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	4
Retail shops	8
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	10
Canteens	4
Fuel storage depots	-
TOTAL	26
Total Males	7
Total Females	19

FACTORIES ACT, 1961 PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	9		
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	15	19		
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-		
TOTAL	20	28		

2. Cases in which defects were found

	Found	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
		Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
			Referred		
Want of Cleanliness					
Overcrowding					
Temperature					
Inadequate Ventilation					
Ineffective drainage of floors					
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective					
(c) Not separate for sexes.					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)					
TOTAL					

NIL

PART V111 OF THE ACT - Outwork (Sections 133 and 134) .....NIL.....